

If your club has questions on insurance, the NHMA Secretary can often offer sound advice, but also can seek professional advice from our insurance broker for more complex matters.

The broker currently handling the cover for NHMA (Mr Mike Thomas) is with us today and is available to delegates to discuss the cover that the NHMA arranges for the member clubs and their members.

5. Other Good News:

a) The 'Hold Harmless Deed Poll' that a good number of member clubs are using is alive and well. The Committee considered the availability of this document at some length before the final documentation and procedure of use was put in place. If your club is using this document, it will be of great benefit should an exhibitor who does not hold NHMA insurance at your club rally/event be involved in an incident that may result in a major insurance claim being laid. The document has been legally prepared on the advice of our insurer. A Register of clubs holding the document for their use is kept by the NHMA.

b) It is some time since the NHMA Safety Guidelines and Tractor Pull Guidelines have been reviewed. We are required by OH & S regulation to review these guidelines annually. Currently, the NHMA has appointed a small committee of those conversant with safety issues to undertake such a review. It is hoped that all member clubs will consult the NHMA website for a downloadable update of these guidelines once completed.

c) All member clubs are reminded that a 'Working With Children' policy was adopted by the Committee during 2017. (A copy of this policy is on the NHMA website). As legislation regarding WWC has been enacted in each State, clubs are reminded to check with their State legislation in relation to this matter if they are running events specifically for those under 18. (Legislation varies from State to State).

In conclusion, the Committee who have risen to the challenge of leading this great hobby for many years, take this opportunity to thank the member clubs and their loyal members for their support for now over thirty years. The hobby has grown remarkably, but has now reached the stage where adherence to Statutes, Safety Guidelines and Insurance needs to be more carefully considered by future Committees. As is usual with many Committees, differences do occur from time to time, and the NHMA is no different. However with understanding and relevant forthright discussions at Committee level our Association can progress into the future with confidence.

Thanks for the consideration of this report, like last year it will appear on the NHMA website.

Signed by:

Executive:

Alan Shepherd: NHMA President *AS/AS*

Ken Bock: NHMA Secretary *Ken Bock*

Vice-President: *deceased - position vacant*

Jan Pietsch: NHMA Treasurer *Absence/Apology*

Committee Members:

Ralph Thomas: *R Thomas*

Jayne Marshall: *Jayne Marshall*

Nick McCue: *Absence/Apology*

Brian Culley: *B.J. Culley*

Norm Johnston: *Norm Johnston*

Ray Blain:

Craig Cooper:

Peter Garnham: *Peter Garnham*

Kevin Elphick: *Kevin Elphick*

Adrian Dare: *Letter of Resignation before Committee*

Brian Scott: *Absence/Apology*